

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 1 as follows. Attached is a marked-up copy of the amended claim.

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1. (Amended) A wire-bound telecommunication device comprising terminals for coupling the device to a subscriber line of a telecommunication network, a transmission circuit, and a signal energy detecting arrangement, characterized in that the signal energy detecting arrangement comprises means for determining a time-domain signal representing the signal energy of a signal on the subscriber line in a predetermined time interval.

REMARKS

The Examiner has objected to FIG. 1 of the drawings for containing unlabeled boxes. Attached is an amended drawing for the Examiner's consideration. If approved by the Examiner, formal drawings corresponding to this amended drawing will be provided upon receipt of a Notice of Allowability.

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-7 and 10 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Hoopes (USP 6,058,171). The Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

The Applicant teaches and specifically claims a telecommunications device wherein the signal energy of a received signal is measured for a *predetermined time interval* (Applicants' independent claims 1 and 10). Hoopes, on the other hand, specifically teaches *measuring a time interval* of a received signal (Hoopes' Abstract, line 3; Specification, column 6, lines 15-29; and each of Hoopes' independent claims). Obviously, if the received signal is being measured for a *predetermined time interval*, as claimed by the Applicants, it is contradictory to *measure the time interval*, as taught by Hoopes.

As taught by the Applicants, different telecom-standards specify different signal durations for signaling tones, and conventional telephone instruments are not well suited for operation in multiple telecom-standard environments (Applicants' page 2, lines 9-18).